

# THE CLIFTON CLARION.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 1887.

## THORNTON'S PAPER.

A Bright Essay on Fruit Growing for Profit.

The subject you have chosen for my address upon this occasion is one of more than ordinary interest to this union, and should be to the people of this entire valley. Under the present system of grain farming the close of the year sees most men as poor as when it began. This is not because of the poverty of the land, the insalubility of the climate, nor, because they do not toil long and hard enough. The evil lies in the low price of grain and hay as compared with that of the price of fruit. The land that will scarce yield a ton of wheat or barley to the acre will turn off from ten to twenty tons of fruit which, pound for pound, will bring twice as much money in the market as the grain. Such being the case then

## FRUIT GROWING FOR PROFIT

Should become the watchword of every man and woman in this much favored spot. But, says the objector, in the first place you have overrated the profits, and in the second if everybody goes into the business it will be overdone and we shall all be ruined. This is the same old cry that has gone up from California for the last twenty years and yet no person has been ruined while the area of vines and trees has been extending in every direction until the valleys and mountain slopes present a magnificent sight with their burden of fruits, and the owners of these vineyards and orchards have flourished and waxed rich with the profits thereof. It is one of the laws of trade that where it is difficult to find a market for a small quantity of a commodity multiply the supply and there will be a demand for all, and more too. Such has been and still is the condition of the fruit market of California, and such will be the condition of affairs here.

To-day there is not one orchard where on consecutive days one thousand pounds of any sort of fruit can be picked for shipping, or to supply either a cannery or dryer. This being the case, is it a wonder that there is no market other than the limited home one which a thousand pounds per day overstocks? In order to make the business profitable there must be system in planting. To many varieties is one of the rocks that will cause the effort to fail. Planters should become specialists to a great extent. Many acres of one, two or three, at most, choice varieties will always command remunerative prices. The man who makes a specialty of apricots can hardly fail in making a fortune, provided he knows how to properly grow and train his trees. So also with peaches, nectarines, pears, apples, quinces and pomegranates.

Again I will say, for I desire to impress it upon your minds, that quantity of a desirable fruit is one of the chief elements that enter into the question. You must make the quantity the chief object, either in handling the crop yourselves or for its sale. If you intend to ship green then you must be prepared to do so in our load lots in order to derive the greatest benefit from low freights and quick returns from your commission merchants. If for drying or canning, it comes in together in such quantities that you can afford to put on a large force until your crop is disposed of. If you desire to sell upon the trees there is an object for dealers to pay you the top price of the market because of the economy in handling.

Now to get back to objection number one, that I have over-estimated the profits of the business. Let us see. It is conceded on all sides that there is no spot where fruit trees thrive better and bear more abundantly than in Salt River valley. A well grown peach at four years old should bear not less than 100 pounds of good fruit; in its sixth year 300. Now I am not going to make mention of its second and third years bearing but will start with the fourth. As to the distance I should recommend planting, 14x14 feet; you will get 200 trees to the acre after leaving your roads through your orchards. We will estimate on the basis of ruling contracts in California for five years ahead, at two and one half (2 1/2) cents per pound. The fourth year with a yield of 100 lbs per tree we find the gross receipts reach \$500 per acre. Is this too much? Then reduce it one half and we have \$250 per acre. Is it safe to say that one half of this amount will be profit? I think so and believe that you will agree with me in this. Now we will pass to the sixth year with a yield of 300 lbs per tree

At two and one half (2 1/2) cents per pound we have \$750 per tree or \$1500 per acre. You will say again that is too much, and I again reduce it one half and what have we got. Seven hundred and fifty (\$750) dollars per acre! The greatest caviler will not have the effrontery to claim one half of this for cost of culture and disposition of the crop. We will give expense account credit for one third and credit profit with the remaining \$500.

Leonard Coats, a leading nurseryman and fruit grower in Napa, Cal., says: "It must be a good many years before there will be peaches enough raised in Napa for even one local cannery. I have just learned of a contract between a cannery and a large fruit grower near Vacaville, by which the latter's peaches are all bought for five years at 2 1/2 cents per pound. An item like this shows how great faith there is concerning the future of the peach." Such testimony more than corroborates the statement I have heretofore made.

He further says: "We need in Napa some large orchards of Foster, Early Crawford, Susquehanna, Seller's Cling, McKevett cling, and most of all, Muir. Here is a valuable hint for intending planters. If they need in Napa some large orchards of peaches where they already have 54,906 trees growing, what are our wants in Maricopa county? With all this valuable testimony before them there are too many people who have fears that the business here will be overdone. Let us see what the constant "overdoing" of the business has done for California. Not twenty years ago Los Angeles county was known far and near as one of the "cow counties" where you could count cattle upon a thousand hills. It was believed to be good for little if anything else. A few sanguine pioneers believed otherwise and commenced to plant of the orange, grape, peach, prune, apricot, nectarine, apples and pears. At first it was a discouraging business, but their faith upheld them until the tide turned in their favor and a grand metamorphosis commenced which has transformed the great ranges into smiling vineyards and blooming orchards, which have enriched the country as never did and never could her flocks and herds had they held possession until doomsday. Lands that ten years ago, yes, five years since, were considered almost worthless have been proven, that, with water added, to have a value of one hundred dollars per acre unimproved. A like condition of affairs prevails in many other counties in the state.

In what respect are we of this valley behind the most favored spot on the American continent? In climate, Arizona is not excelled. The very heat that there is so much talk about is conducive to the perfect growth and maturity of the choice varieties of grapes and standard fruits. In soil and water for irrigation, no semi-tropic country that I know of compares with this. In time of ripening, it is from two weeks to one month ahead of California. This one item gives us a superlative advantage, for our fruits will enter the markets when they are bare and the people are looking for something fresh. Then, lastly we are thirty-six hours nearer the eastern markets than Los Angeles, the most favored locality of California in that respect, which is another great thing in our favor. With the completion of the Maricopa and Phoenix railway we will be, practically on the main thoroughfare between the Atlantic and Pacific sea boards. With all these things favoring us, Mr. President and gentlemen, I ask what is there to prevent fruit growing with profit in Maricopa county.

O. F. THORNTON.

## Largest Library in the World.

By far the largest library in the world is the Bibliotheque Nationale at Paris. It is so large that nobody knows how many books it contains. They have never yet been all catalogued or counted, and when the classification of a great library falls behind it takes some time to get it in order, especially when no attempt is made to bring up the arrears. Current works and new acquisitions are now catalogued in this library as received, but many old collections—amongst others, the official documents relating to the revolution—still lie unsorted. Mere bulk, then, goes for little, unless it is accompanied with utility. As to this, and as to the accommodation it provides for readers, the French National Library is a long way behind the reading room of the British Museum, and vexatious restrictions and needless formalities meet the readers at every turn. The earliest nucleus of a national library in France was made by the Emperor Charlemagne, and some of his manuscripts are still preserved in the present collection.

# Delinquent Tax List, Solomon, School District No. 2, Graham County, Ariz.

## SPECIAL TAX.

W. M. Adams, possessory right to land, house and fence..... \$250.00  
One wagon..... 30.00  
Horse..... 15.00  
Horse..... 10.00  
Pigs..... 10.00

Total valuation..... \$315.00  
Taxes..... 1.10  
Penalty..... .49

Total tax..... \$2.09

S. P. Cunningham, north half of southwest quarter section 22 township 5 south range 22 east..... \$300.00  
Taxes..... 1.32  
Penalty..... .56

Total tax..... \$1.28

Lane Fisher, south-east quarter section 24, township 5, south range 22 east..... \$400.00  
House, corral and stable..... 500.00

Total valuation..... \$900.00  
Taxes..... 3.60  
Penalty..... .75

Total tax..... \$4.35

Mrs. C. A. Loughton, homestead location No. 229, west half and lots 3 and 4 of southeast quarter section 34, township 5, south range 22 east, house, barn and corral..... \$500.00  
Wagon..... 50.00  
Horse..... 10.00  
Saddle..... 25.00  
Horse..... 10.00  
Two shoats..... 5.00

Total valuation..... \$640.00  
Taxes..... 2.56  
Penalty..... .44

Total tax..... \$3.00

R. H. Oldham, J. Parker place, north of Duncan,..... \$250.00  
Tools..... 40.00  
Horse..... 10.00  
400 stock cattle..... 6,000.00  
Four ponies..... 100.00

Total valuation..... \$6,490.00  
Taxes..... 25.96  
Penalty..... 1.40

Total tax..... \$27.36

A. M. Patterson, one-half interest in Shoshone claim..... \$50.00  
Taxes..... .22  
Penalty..... .02

Total tax..... \$0.24

Back Tyson, horse and saddle..... \$50.00  
Horse and lot..... 100.00

Total valuation..... \$150.00  
Taxes..... .60  
Penalty..... .30

Total tax..... \$0.90

Foster & Nixon, possessory right to south half northeast quarter section 18, and northwest quarter of southwest quarter and northwest quarter of southeast quarter section 18, township 5, south range 22 east, house, fence and interest in ditch..... \$800.00  
Wagon..... 50.00  
Horse..... 15.00  
Saddle..... 25.00  
12 cattle..... 2,400.00  
To purchase..... 200.00  
One stallion..... 600.00  
25 mares..... 750.00  
Two mules..... 70.00  
Tools..... 100.00

Total valuation..... \$5,145.00  
Taxes..... 20.58  
Penalty..... 1.13

Total tax..... \$21.71

Champion Cattle Company, Nixon and Foster ranch..... \$350.00  
Taxes..... 1.54  
Penalty..... .57

Total tax..... \$2.11

Carlisle Manufacturing Company, corral and stable at Duncan..... \$400.00  
Taxes..... 1.60  
Penalty..... .58

Total tax..... \$2.18

Notice is hereby given that unless three taxes, delinquent, together with costs and penalties are paid, the real property upon which the taxes are a lien, will be sold at public auction in front of the school house at Duncan, Arizona, on the twentieth (20) day of April, 1887.

H. C. DAY,

Collector of Special School Tax, District No. 2.

W. C. W. SMITH,

Post office address, Solomonville, Graham County, Arizona. Range, north side Graham mountain.

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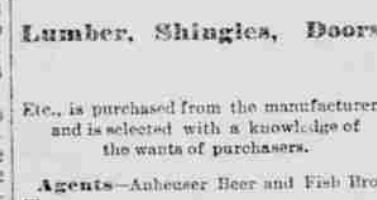
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